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SUBJECT:CYPRUS AMBASSADOR CALLS ON DEPUTY ASSISTANT
SECRETARY LAINGEN

1. AMBASSADOR DIMITRIOU CALLED ON DEPUTY ASST. SEC.
LAINGEN ON INSTRUCTION APRIL 23 TO PRESENT AIDE MEMOIRE
CONTAINING TEXT OF LETTER TO PEREZ DE CUELLAR DELIVERED BY
TASSOS PAPADOPOULOS IN NICOSIA ON APRIL 22.

2. LETTER STATES THAT ITS PURPOSE IS NOT TO DEAL WITH THE
SUBSTANCE OF THE TURKISH PROPOSALS, WHICH CONTAIN "MANY
UNACCEPTABLE PROPOSITIONS," BUT TO INDICATE THAT THE
TURKISH-CYPRIOT SIDE HAD AGAIN EVADED PRESENTING CONCRETE
PROPOSALS ON TERRITORY AND THIS PRECLUDED A PACKAGE DEAL
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APPROACH TO THE PROBLEM. LETTER CONCLUDES THAT "MEANINGFUL

AND CONSTRUCTIVE" TALKS CANNOT BE RESUMED IF THE TURKISH CYPRIOT SIDE DOES NOT SUBMIT PROPOSALS ON ALL ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM.

3. LAINGEN AND DIMITRIOU THEN DISCUSSED WHERE CYPRUS SITUATION NOW STOOD. THE TURKISH CYPRIOT SIDE WOULD NOT SUBMIT ITS SPECIFIC TERRITORIAL PROPOSALS UNTIL REFERENCES TO WALDHEIM WERE REMOVED FROM GREEK CYPRIOT PROPOSALS.

MAKARIOS REFUSED TO DO THIS AND CONTENDED THAT NEGOTIATIONS CANNOT PROCEED UNTIL THE TURKS PUT FORWARD THEIR TERRITORIAL POSITION.

4. DIMITRIOU SAID HE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND TURKISH OBJECTIONS TO THE REFERENCE TO WALDHEIM SINCE THERE IS ONLY "PASSING MENTION" OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL IN THE PROPOSAL. THE TURKISH CONTENTION THAT THIS REFERENCE WOULD PUT THEM INTO DIRECT CONFRONTATION WITH WALDHEIM ON THE TERRITORIAL ISSUE WAS ANOTHER PLOY TO AVOID DISCUSSING THIS KEY ISSUE.

5. LAINGEN SAID WE WERE DISTURBED BY THESE DEVELOPMENTS. WE HAVE CAUTIONED THE GREEK SIDE NOT TO GIVE THE TURKS ANY PRETEXTS TO JUSTIFY INTERRUPTING THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS. IN LAINGEN'S OPINION, THE GREEK SIDE HAD DONE JUST THAT IN STICKING TO THE REFERENCE TO WALDHEIM. DIMITRIOU CONTENDED THAT THE LANGUAGE USED IN THE GREEK PROPOSAL HAD DE CUELLAR'S BLESSING AND PRESUMABLY, BY EXTENSION, THAT OF WALDHEIM.

6. LAINGEN SAID THAT IT APPEARS TO US THAT BOTH SIDES SEEM UNWILLING TO TACKLE THE MAIN ISSUE OF TERRITORY AND, CONSEQUENTLY, BOTH SIDES SHARE THE BLAME FOR THE LATEST IMPASSE. WE HAVE STATED ALL ALONG THAT OUR OPPORTUNITY TO BE USEFUL IN THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS DEPENDED ON THE TWO SIDES FIRST GETTING COMPLETE PROPOSALS ON THE TABLE.

7. LAINGEN OBSERVED THAT THE BALL APPEARS TO BE BACK IN WALDHEIM'S COURT. WE WERE AWARE THAT THE UN WAS NOW EXAMINING HOW BEST TO PROCEED. DIMITRIOU EVINced SOME CONFIDENTIAL

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CONCERN THAT WALDHEIM MIGHT BE LESS WILLING TO INVOLVE HIMSELF PERSONALLY NOW THAT DENKTASH AND CLERIDES WERE NO LONGER THE NEGOTIATORS. LAINGEN SAID THAT WALDHEIM WAS OBVIOUSLY FRUSTRATED WITH THE PARTIES' INABILITY TO EXCHANGE MEANINGFUL PROPOSALS. HOWEVER, THE US WOULD CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE HIS ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT.

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